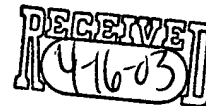


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In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Amend claims 33, 47, 49-51, 53, 56-57, 59-61, 63, 66-70 and 72-74 as follows:

-- 33. (Three-Times Amended) A control device for controlling a network device
connected to a network, the control device comprising:

a communication interface adapted to receive a description file from the network
device via the network, the description file including description information for a control panel
of the network device; and

a controller adapted to automatically activate the description file after the
description file is received from the network device. --.

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